

# Highest

# Paying



# Jobs in Maine

Including:

- Estimated employment
- Annual job openings

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Occupation	Wage <sup>1</sup>		Estimated <sup>2</sup> Employment	Annual Job Openings <sup>3</sup>
	Average	Mid-Range		
Surgeons	\$69.67	n/a	411	17
Obstetricians and Gynecologists	67.82	n/a	94	3
Anesthesiologists	64.16	n/a	114	5
Psychiatrists	63.59	\$61.30 - n/a	145	8
Internists, General	57.60	49.91 - n/a	328	13
Pediatricians, General	54.88	42.49 - n/a	103	4
Family & General Practitioners	52.32	46.54 - 66.53	637	22
Chief Executives	46.39	31.93 - 69.09	2,218	93
Judges & Magistrates	42.31	34.15 - 51.74	82	2
Dentists	41.37	30.21 - 58.04	725	19
Optometrists	39.99	21.19 - 53.62	317	10
Lawyers	38.06	21.04 - 58.92	2,895	37
Engineering Managers	36.23	28.86 - 43.10	1,067	17
Conservation Scientists	36.20	25.73 - 45.10	223	9
Actuaries	36.14	26.08 - 46.37	39	1
Physician Assistants	35.68	30.09 - 40.58	532	43
Law Teachers, Postsecondary	73,726	52,914 - 94,683	49	2
Pharmacists	35.12	31.69 - 40.56	966	46
Real Estate Brokers	35.09	29.23 - 34.55	761	13
Securities/Financial Serv. Sales Agents	34.33	16.33 - 52.00	656	35
Air Traffic Controllers	33.99	30.56 - 38.95	94	5
Biomedical Engineers	32.86	23.24 - 41.15	112	3
Sales Engineers	32.79	22.07 - 40.63	105	3
Physicists	32.57	28.78 - 34.41	18	1
Computer Software Eng., Sys. Soft.	32.41	27.37 - 37.73	343	18
Computer & Information Systems Mgr.	32.02	23.16 - 40.05	1,314	63
Chemical Engineers	31.16	25.68 - 36.59	247	4
Marketing Managers	31.05	20.90 - 39.53	744	27
Materials Engineers	30.67	22.66 - 39.93	57	1
Nuclear Engineers	30.64	27.71 - 33.92	238	6
Economics Teachers, Postsecondary	63,587	48,375 - 75,244	50	2
Electrical Engineers	30.54	25.20 - 35.19	564	10
Mechanical Engineers	30.42	23.88 - 35.73	755	23

<sup>1</sup>2001 Maine average wages, hourly or annual. Wages include all levels of experience and should not be viewed as entry-level. Wages do not include self-employed. n/a denotes the data element was not available.

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Sales Managers	\$30.34	\$20.36 - 38.56	1,163	46
Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	62,660	49,308 - 76,466	109	5
Atmosphere/Earth Sci. Teachers, Postsec.	61,997	48,914 - 74,855	97	5
Industrial Production Managers	29.14	20.19 - 36.04	1,115	18
Marine Engineers and Naval Architects	29.08	23.76 - 33.38	79	2
Sales Rep., Whole./Mfg., Technical	28.96	18.19 - 34.13	1,600	48
Natural Sciences Managers	28.89	22.69 - 33.61	184	3
Financial Managers	28.76	19.80 - 34.99	2,731	79
Medical & Health Services Managers	28.38	21.47 - 32.46	1,653	80
Industrial Engineers	28.09	22.68 - 33.75	551	9
Electronics Engineers, Excl. Computer	28.02	20.99 - 36.18	278	6
General & Operations Managers	27.98	17.40 - 34.75	12,268	305
Veterinarians	27.65	21.55 - 32.98	324	13
Atmospheric & Space Scientists	27.30	21.07 - 33.15	36	1
Computer Systems Analysts	27.26	22.14 - 32.80	1,427	58
Education Admin., Postsec.	27.26	18.90 - 33.91	511	18
Clinical, Couns., & Schl. Psychologists	27.25	17.22 - 29.42	770	43
Environmental Engineers	27.10	22.03 - 31.42	268	10
Education Admin., Elem. & Second. Schl.	56,307	50,105 - 65,037	1,465	40
Anthropology/Archeo. Teachers, Postsec.	55,874	46,616 - 65,230	24	2
Transportation Inspectors	26.77	17.24 - 35.84	74	2
Computer Software Eng., Applications	26.69	22.36 - 31.35	734	36
Human Resources Managers	26.48	18.66 - 32.45	993	22
Biological Science Teachers, Postsec.	54,275	43,043 - 66,095	134	7
Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary	53,983	43,506 - 63,005	87	4
Construction Managers	25.91	18.56 - 31.40	1,225	28
Biochemists and Biophysicists	25.89	16.49 - 34.34	54	3
Forestry & Conserv. Teachers, Postsec.	53,740	41,941 - 63,797	32	2
Political Science Teachers, Postsec.	53,595	41,286 - 65,032	74	4
Physics Teachers, Postsecondary	53,378	41,613 - 65,625	38	2
Management Analysts	25.39	18.92 - 31.05	1,111	26
Database Administrators	25.25	18.01 - 32.42	374	18
Home Economics Teachers, Postsec.	52,462	44,687 - 60,312	12	0

<sup>2</sup>Estimated Employment derived from base year of 2000-2010 projections.

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Court Reporters	\$25.16	\$19.97 - 31.06	103	6
Health & Safety Engineers, Excl. Mining	25.05	19.37 - 28.90	152	3
Advertising & Promotions Managers	25.02	16.40 - 27.60	406	16
Farm & Home Management Advisors	24.98	21.77 - 29.94	78	1
Civil Engineers	24.92	19.37 - 30.31	1,299	20
Financial Analysts	24.91	17.62 - 29.92	224	8
Personal Financial Advisors	24.80	15.30 - 28.71	402	24
Financial Examiners	24.66	18.72 - 31.08	88	3
Funeral Directors	24.64	18.81 - 31.43	199	5
Architects, Excl. Landscape & Naval	24.58	18.26 - 30.36	331	2
History Teachers, Postsecondary	50,972	42,054 - 61,413	69	4
Computer Programmers	24.47	17.61 - 30.80	1,493	31
Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary	50,750	37,953 - 61,717	55	3
Chemistry Teachers, Postsecondary	50,633	38,876 - 60,960	43	2
Geological & Petroleum Technicians	24.31	18.72 - 31.19	53	4
Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsec.	50,296	40,633 - 55,262	167	9
Purchasing Managers	24.13	15.04 - 30.65	584	18
Recreation & Fitness Teachers, Postsec.	49,497	33,635 - 58,168	79	4
Social Work Teachers, Postsecondary	49,398	38,459 - 56,647	41	2
Physical Therapists	23.60	19.54 - 26.94	808	46
Dental Hygienists	23.49	21.37 - 26.17	934	48
Occupational Therapists	23.49	19.82 - 26.60	441	23
Art, Drama, & Music Teachers, Postsec.	48,662	38,203 - 57,245	183	9
Public Relations Managers	23.26	16.48 - 26.84	336	16
Math. Science Teachers, Postsec.	48,320	38,911 - 55,819	178	9
Admin. Law Judges/Hearing Officers	23.17	18.01 - 25.13	114	3
Airline Pilots, Copilots, & Flight Engineers	48,095	36,178 - 61,185	103	2
Epidemiologists	23.01	20.53 - 25.54	16	0
Audiologists	22.98	19.51 - 25.15	28	2
Technical Writers	22.98	18.36 - 26.44	129	4
Chemists	22.96	16.76 - 26.80	139	5
Communications Teachers, Postsec.	47,715	39,770 - 54,869	50	2
Network Sys. & Data Commun. Analysts	22.93	16.30 - 29.28	225	12
Farm, Ranch, & Other Agricultural Mgr.	22.90	12.18 - 31.63	678	10

<sup>3</sup>These tables reflect anticipated annual openings between 2000-2010. They do not represent actual, current job openings.

### **Average Weekly Wages in Maine by County, 2002**

Androscoggin	\$545
Aroostook	469
Cumberland	636
Franklin	530
Hancock	508
Kennebec	558
Knox	516
Lincoln	472
Oxford	492
Penobscot	540
Piscataquis	434
Sagadahoc	629
Somerset	520
Waldo	485
Washington	453
York	522
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$563</b>

### **Average Weekly Wages in Maine by Industry, 2002**

Natural Resources and Mining	\$486
Construction	628
Manufacturing	734
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	490
Information	715
Financial Activities	757
Professional and Business Services	675
Education and Health Services	580
Leisure and Hospitality	256
Other Services	405
State Government	682
Local Government	517

*Note: Average wages may be influenced by seasonal factors, bonus and retroactive payments, high proportions of part-time workers, or large amounts of overtime work.*

## A note about the information

The ***Highest Paying Jobs in Maine*** table lists 100 of Maine's highest paying occupations. Occupations were selected based on their 2001 average hourly wages, and then sorted with the highest paying at the top. Mid-Range wages have also been provided when available. The Mid-Range represents the range of wages earned by the middle half of the workers in that occupation. In other words, one quarter of the workers make less than the lower wage listed, while one quarter make more than the higher wage listed, leaving one half of the workers earning between the two wages listed.

The ***Estimated Employment*** column represents 2000 estimated base year employment, obtained from 2000-2010 Occupational Employment Projections. The ***Annual Job Openings*** column is an estimate of expected job openings per year. It combines expected new job openings with openings to replace those who leave an occupation. However, the ***Annual Job Openings*** column does not display actual, current job openings.

The ***Average Weekly Wages in Maine by County, 2002*** table shows that wages in Maine vary from county to county. This table displays those differences without regard to a specific occupation or industry. Wage rates do vary by industry, as well as by occupation and geography. Industry variations are displayed in the ***Average Weekly Wages in Maine by Industry, 2002*** table. Industry sectors are shown by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

For more information on wage rates in Maine, please contact the Division of Labor Market Information Services at (207) 287-2271. For help in finding a job, we recommend a visit to your nearest CareerCenter.



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